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54 **Resistive laminate for printed circuit boards.**

57 A method for making the laminate from a foil, including a platten support step and a sputter etching or cleaning step. The laminate comprises a sputter coated metal foil (4) which is isostatically bonded to an insulative, epoxy resin substrate (36). In a preferred construction a nickel-chrome-aluminium-silicon resistive layer (32) is applied to a copper foil (4).

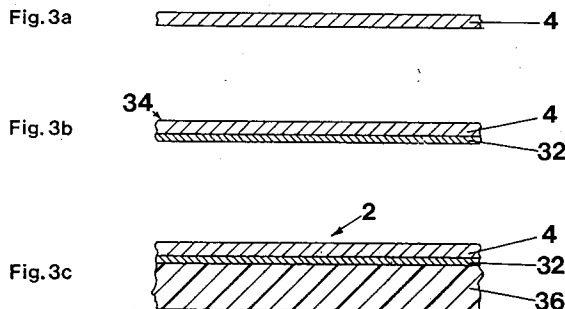


Fig. 3

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1. Claims 1-9,13: Method for making resistive laminate and resistive laminate in itself.
2. Claims 14-16 : Apparatus for supporting a conductive foil.
3. Claims 10-12 : Other (more general) method for making resistive laminate.